



# graceRWANDA

*Bringing children together  
brings the country together.*

## Our Story

Grace Rwanda is a B.C. registered charity founded in Langley in 2009 by genocide survivors Elizabeth Mujawamaliya Johnson and Marie-Louise Kaligirwa.

Our purpose is to help Rwanda overcome its past by ensuring the next generation is educated and able to help rebuild. To do this, we improve youth literacy by boosting access to books.

Rwandan education statistics show there's 1 textbook for 3 elementary students, and 1 book for 5 secondary students. UNESCO puts the youth literacy rate at 77 per cent. We aim to change that. Our motto: **Literacy for Rwanda.**

## Our Successes

To date, we've supported the building of **8 new classrooms** for Rwinkwavu School in the Kayonza District, plus built 16 latrines, a kitchen, and a garden with livestock. The project, completed in 2012, serves 1,500 students.

In 2011, we created **6 mini-libraries** with over 2,000 books and 250 dictionaries in rural schools, providing over 5,000 children access to books.

In Sept. 2013 we installed a **new library** stocked with 1,000 books, 20 dictionaries and numerous magazines in the Muhanga District Youth Centre.



**Grace Rwanda co-founder Elizabeth Mujawamaliya Johnson with youth in Muhanga District, August 2013.**

## Our Future Projects

Grace Rwanda's priority for 2013/14 is to supply books to all 87,000 students in the rural Muhanga District.

In 2013/14, we launched our **Toonies 4 Change** Let's Read Together Mini-Libraries program. Every \$2 buys one book. To start, we're fundraising to put libraries in all Grades 1 to 3 classes. **We'd like your help.**

## Our School Partnerships

We've worked with several local schools: North Vancouver's St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary, Langley's D. W. Poppy Secondary, Surrey's Woodland Park Elementary, and more.

**Ask us about partnerships** with social responsibility classes, leadership clubs and fundraisers in your school.

We can supply educational resources, give in-school talks and link B.C. schools with sister schools in Rwanda.

## Connect With Us

[GraceRwanda.org](http://GraceRwanda.org)  
[Toonies4Change.org](http://Toonies4Change.org)  
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**Join us. Together we can bring literacy to Rwanda, one book at a time.**



**Cheering the Rwinkwavu kitchen.**



**Reading from a mini-library.**



**Holding brand new dictionaries.**